

An aerial photograph of a park area with a river, surrounded by city buildings. The park features a winding path, green grass, and various trees. A few people are visible on the grass. The city skyline in the background includes several tall buildings, one of which is a prominent skyscraper with a curved facade.

White Flint Public Amenities Community Meeting

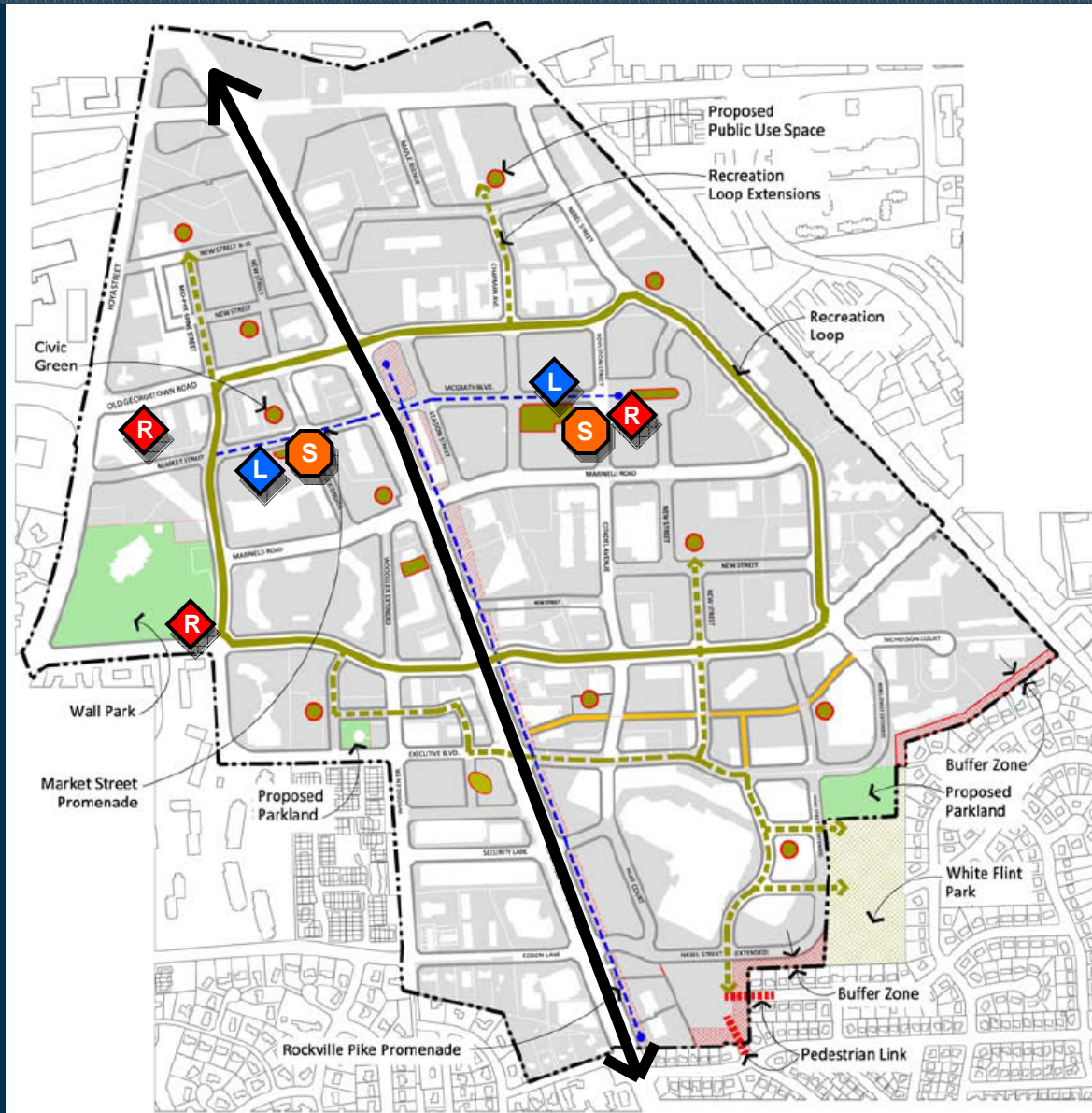


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Agenda

- Introduction and Overview 7:00 - 7:30 PM
 - Sector Plan Summary
 - Public Amenities Implementation
 - Place-Making and Precedents
- Break-Out Sessions 7:30 - 9:00 PM
 - Wall Park
 - Civic Green
 - Recreation Center
 - Library
 - Satellite Regional Services Center & Meeting Space
 - Recreational Loop
- Meeting Recap 9:00 - 9:30 PM

Sector Plan



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Strategic Goals

- Create an Integrated Public/Private Amenities Implementation Plan
- Avoid Unintended Redundancy
- Avoid Competition with the Private Sector
- Maximize Use, Efficiency, and Flexibility
- Create Synergies with Existing and Planned Facilities
- Promote a Strong Relationship with the Recreational Loop and Transit
- Be “Right-Sized” and Sustainable (Economic and Environmental)
- Create a Vibrant and Inviting Sense of Place
- Maximize the Benefits to the Public



Sense of Place:

Walkable Streets

Vibrant Public Realm

Mix of Uses

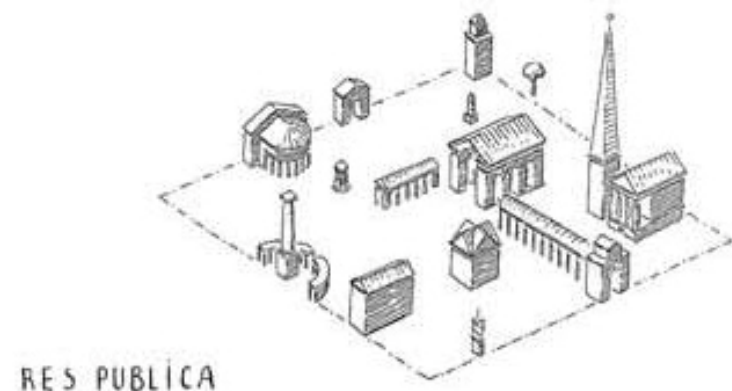
Civic Uses

Character Derived from Local Context

Architecture Appropriate to Place

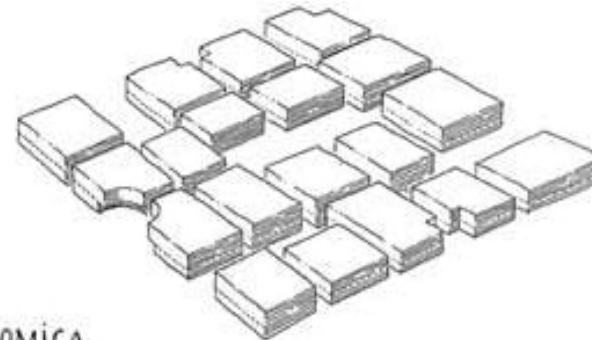


Public Realm Private Realm



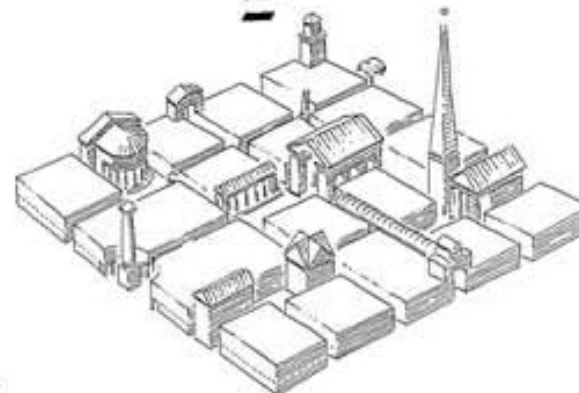
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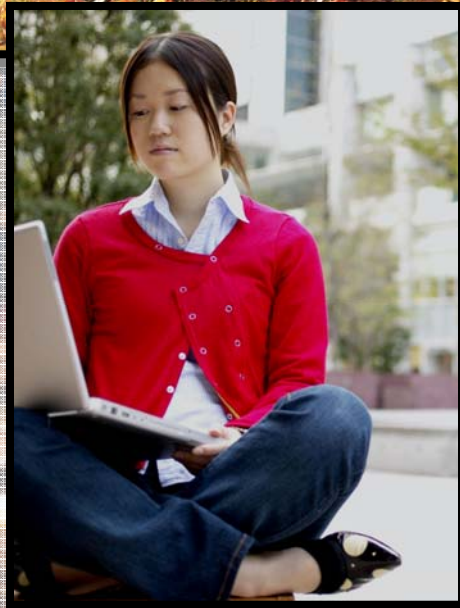
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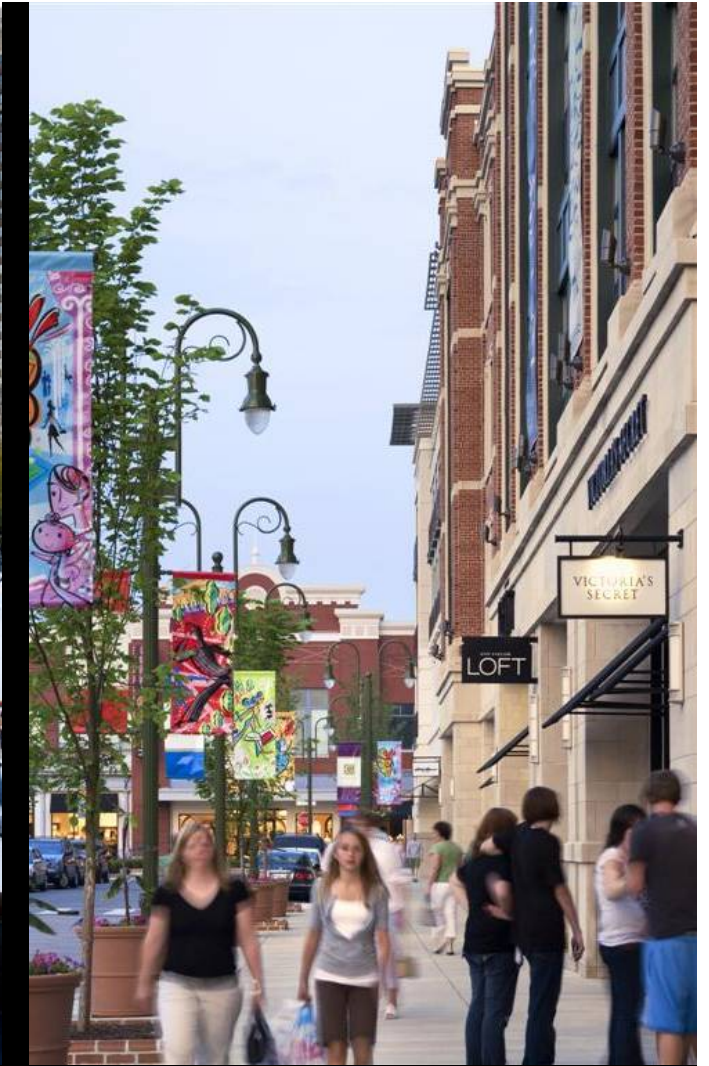
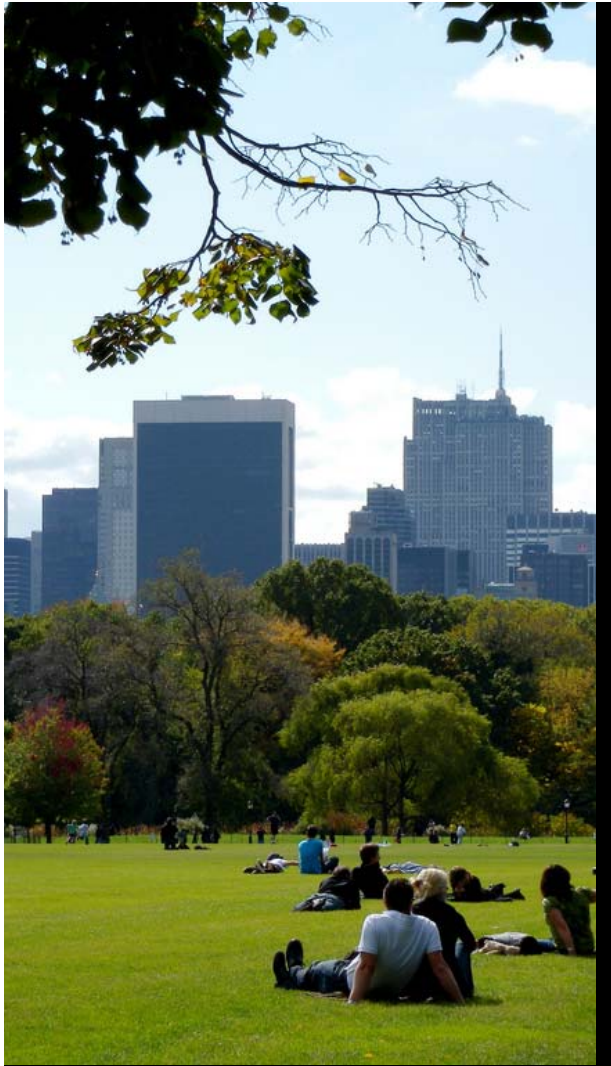


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Public Amenities

Parks-Wal Park Modifications

Parks - Civic Green

Community Recreation Center

Library

Regional Services Center and Meeting Space

Recreation Loop



Parks-Wall Park Modifications

- A Primary Recreational Destination for the Area
- Relocated Surface Parking could Provide Other Uses
- Could be an Ideal Location for the Recreation Center
- Any Modifications to Wall Park will Need to Comply with State Conservancy Laws for Trees



Parks - Civic Green

- A Central Gathering Space that is Separate from Wall Park
- “Right-Sizing” for Anticipated Program
- Leverage its Amenity with other Public/Private/Commercial uses
- Create High Visibility from Sidewalks and Streets, and from Adjacent Uses and Buildings
- A Flexible Area to Support a Variety of Activities
- Allow for Local Street Closures for Major Events
- Could be Above or Below-Grade Parking



Community Recreation Center

- To Promote Health and Wellness Activities
- Potential to Share Space (and staff) with other Public Amenities (Aquatic Center, Park, Library, Outdoor Aquatics, etc.)
- A Facility with “Flexible Boxes” to Facilitate Adaptability Over Time
 - Community Meeting and Gathering Spaces
 - Exercise
- Surrounding Hotels, Restaurants, Activities and Amenities to Support Recreational Users/Visitors
- Regular Parking Demand must be Accommodated and Peak Parking Demand Must be Considered



Library

- A Neighborhood Branch Library with a High-Tech Focus
- Part of the Surrounding Network of Libraries
- Satellite Library to Serve 150,000-200,000 Customers Per Year
- Potential for Co-locating with other Amenities or Commercial Uses (e.g. on the Civic Green, in a Storefront, etc.)
- Meeting Space to be Provided by Others



Regional Services Center and Meeting Space

- Bethesda Location is Representative of Services and Operational Requirements
- Serve as the Focal Point for Coordination of County Government Services in the White Flint District
- Management of Civic Spaces and Meeting/Community Rooms
- Possible Co-location with Other Uses or Facilities to Contribute to a Sense of Place
- First Floor Presence Not Necessary



Recreation Loop

- A Pedestrian/Running/Bicycle Loop to Promote a Healthy Lifestyle in an Urban Environment
- Leverages Active, Passive, Public, and Commercial Uses
- Serves as a Safe Connector Throughout the Community and to Other Trails and Paths

Other Private Amenities

Plazas

Greens

Recreational Facilities for Residents

Health Clubs

Farmer's Market

Meeting Rooms for Residents

Pools for Residents

Wall Park

Top 7 Reasons People Visit Parks

To Relax

To be in Nature

To be with Children

To Meditate

To Meet Others

To Sport

To Get Inspiration

Wall Park

Top 6 Emotions Experienced in Parks

Freedom

Happiness

Unity with Nature

Unity with Myself

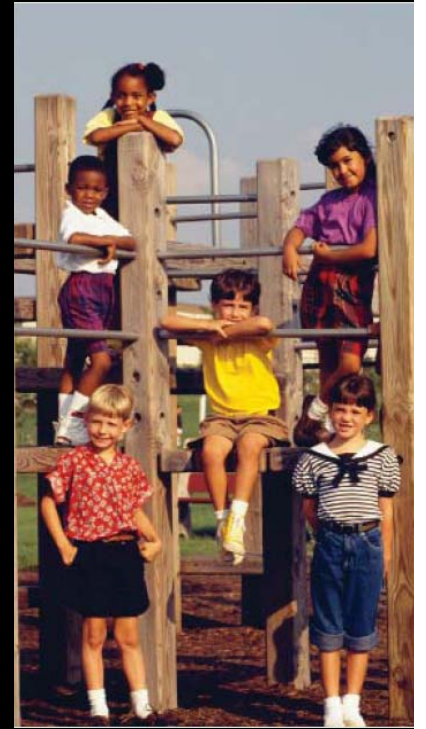
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Adventure

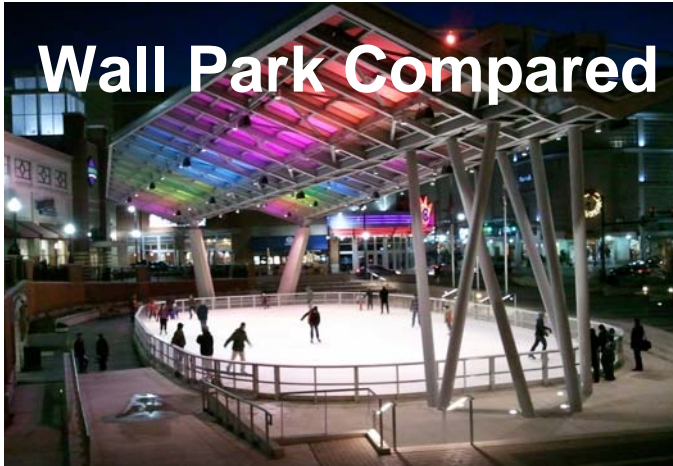
Wall Park Compared to Civic Green



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William Whyte – Successful Places

“People Sit Where there are Places to Sit”

Elements that Make Great Spaces:

Sun

Shade

Water

Food

Seating

People

Most Popular Spaces are Not Large

Uses at Perimeter of Space are Key in Determining Success

Community Recreation Center

The Health and Social Benefits of Recreation

Promotes Health and Well Being

Reduces Depression and Stress

Increases Self-Esteem & Life Satisfaction

Strengthens Communities

Reduces Crime

Promotes Social Bonds

Supports Youth



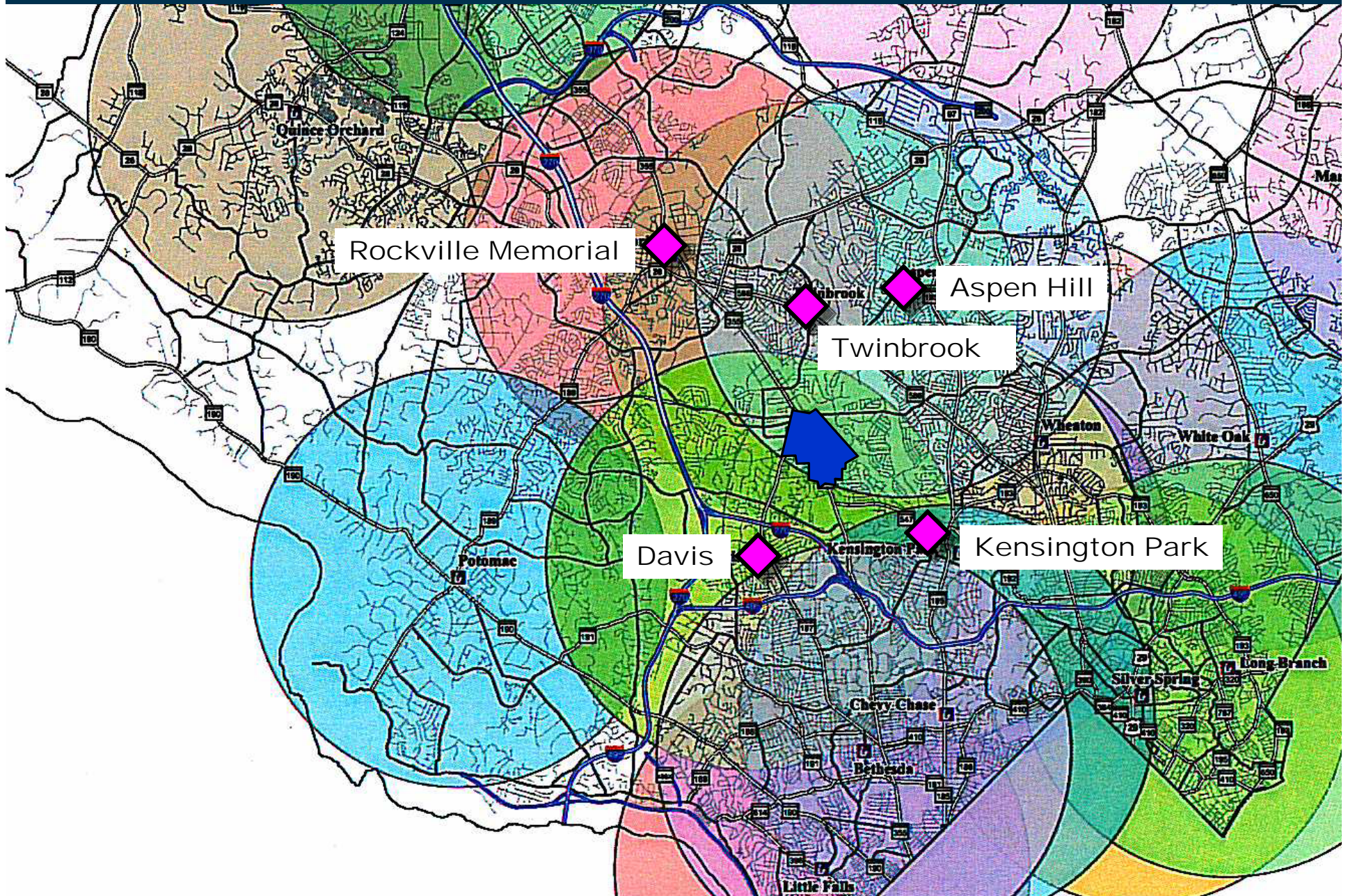
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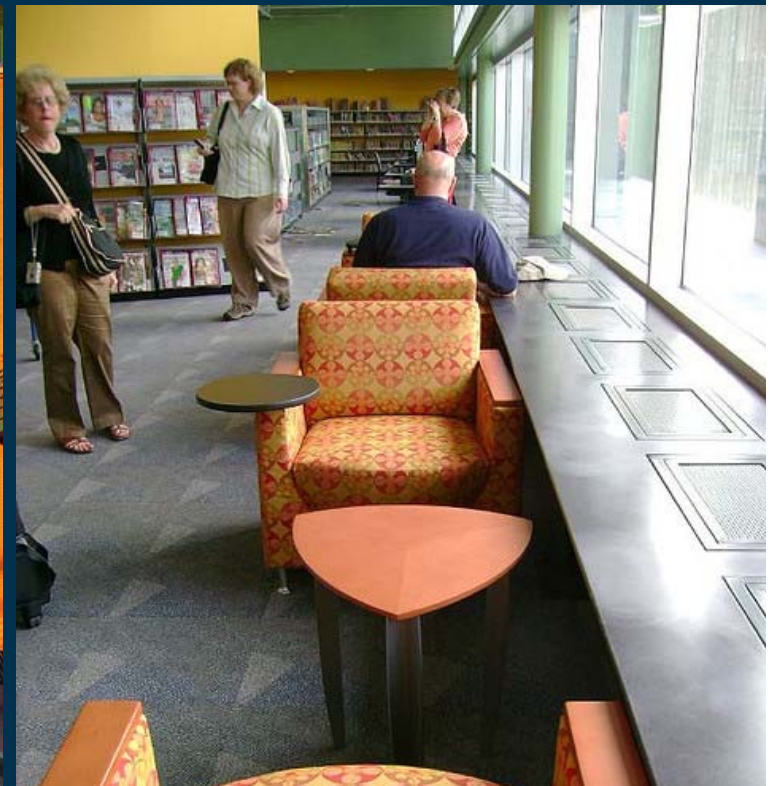
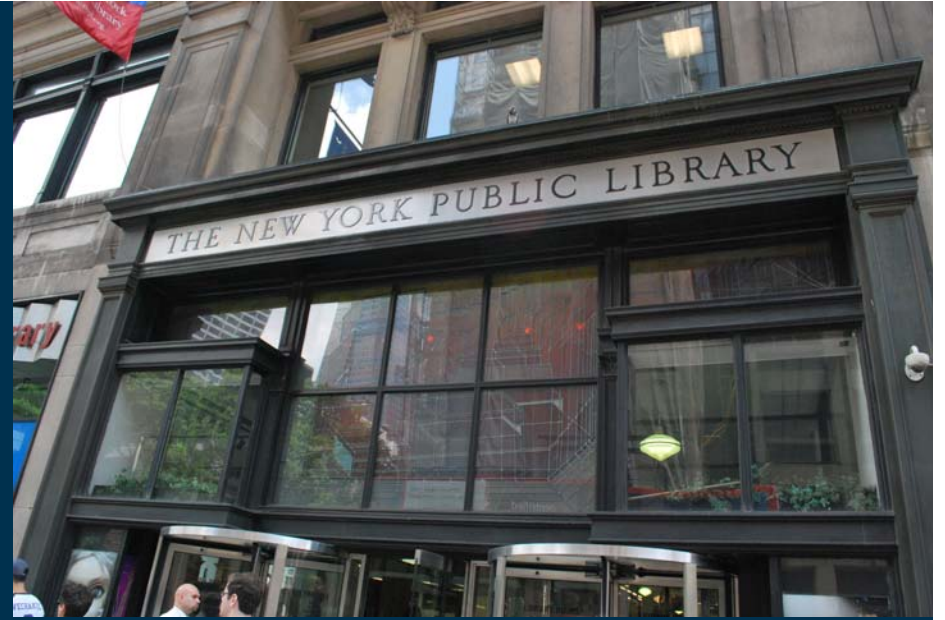
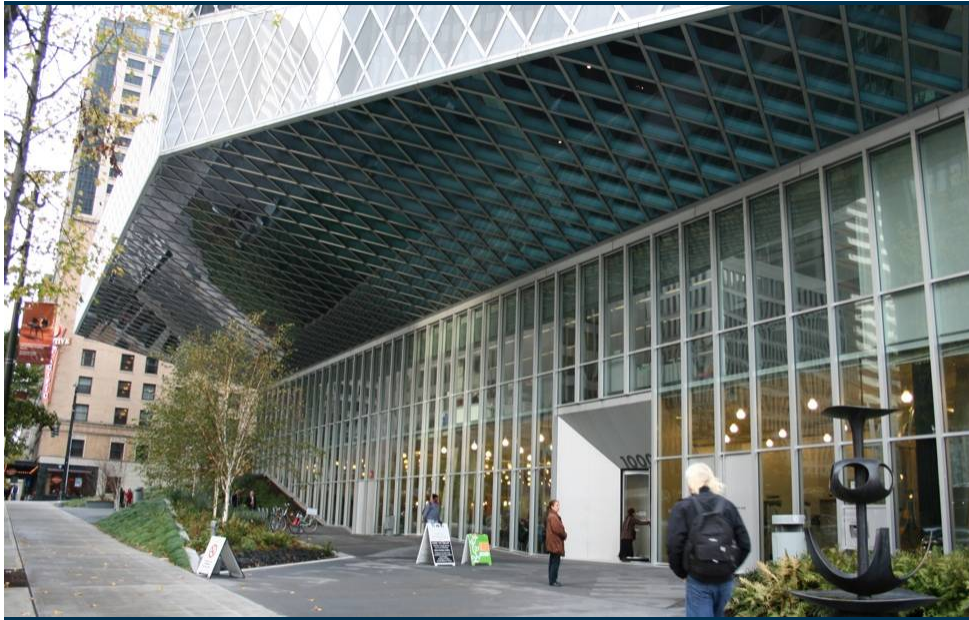
Changing Role of Libraries

Key in providing open access to information

Acquire, Organize, Offer for Use, and Preserve
Publicly Available Material in Such a Way that it Can
be Found and Put to Use

Libraries





Satellite Office for Regional Services Center and Meeting Space

A Local Community Civic Center with County Staff

Communication Nexus between
Business/ Neighborhoods/Non-Profit/Government

Catalyst and Facilitator of
Initiatives Programs and Services

Community Engagement and Involvement

Information and Referral

Meeting Room Rentals

Transit and Parking Sales

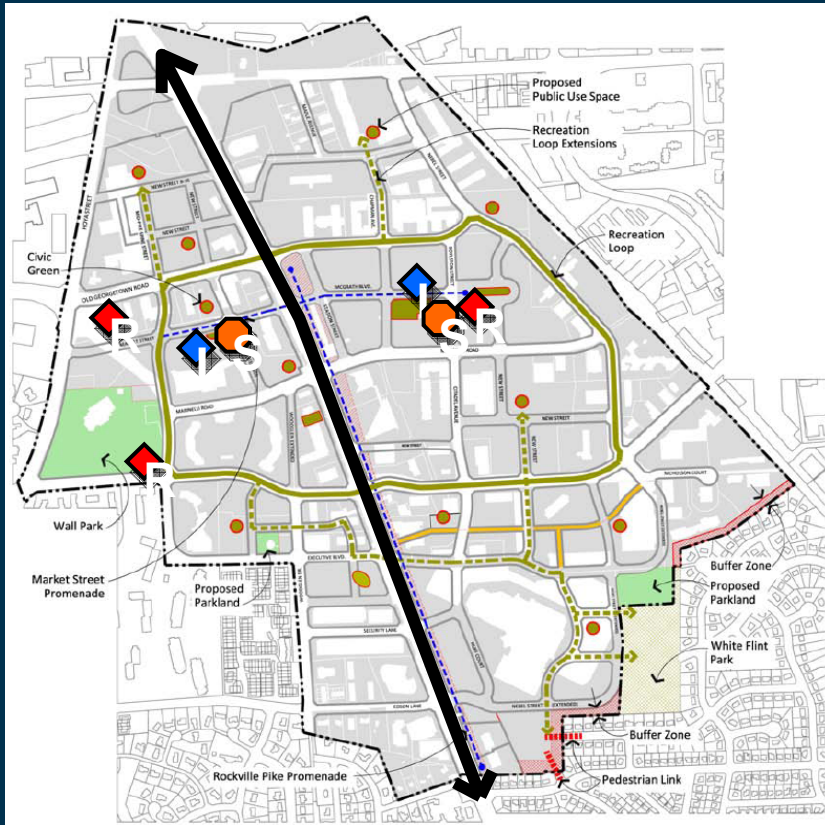
Urban Services

Transportation Management District

Bus Schedules and Route Information

Applications

Recreational Loop

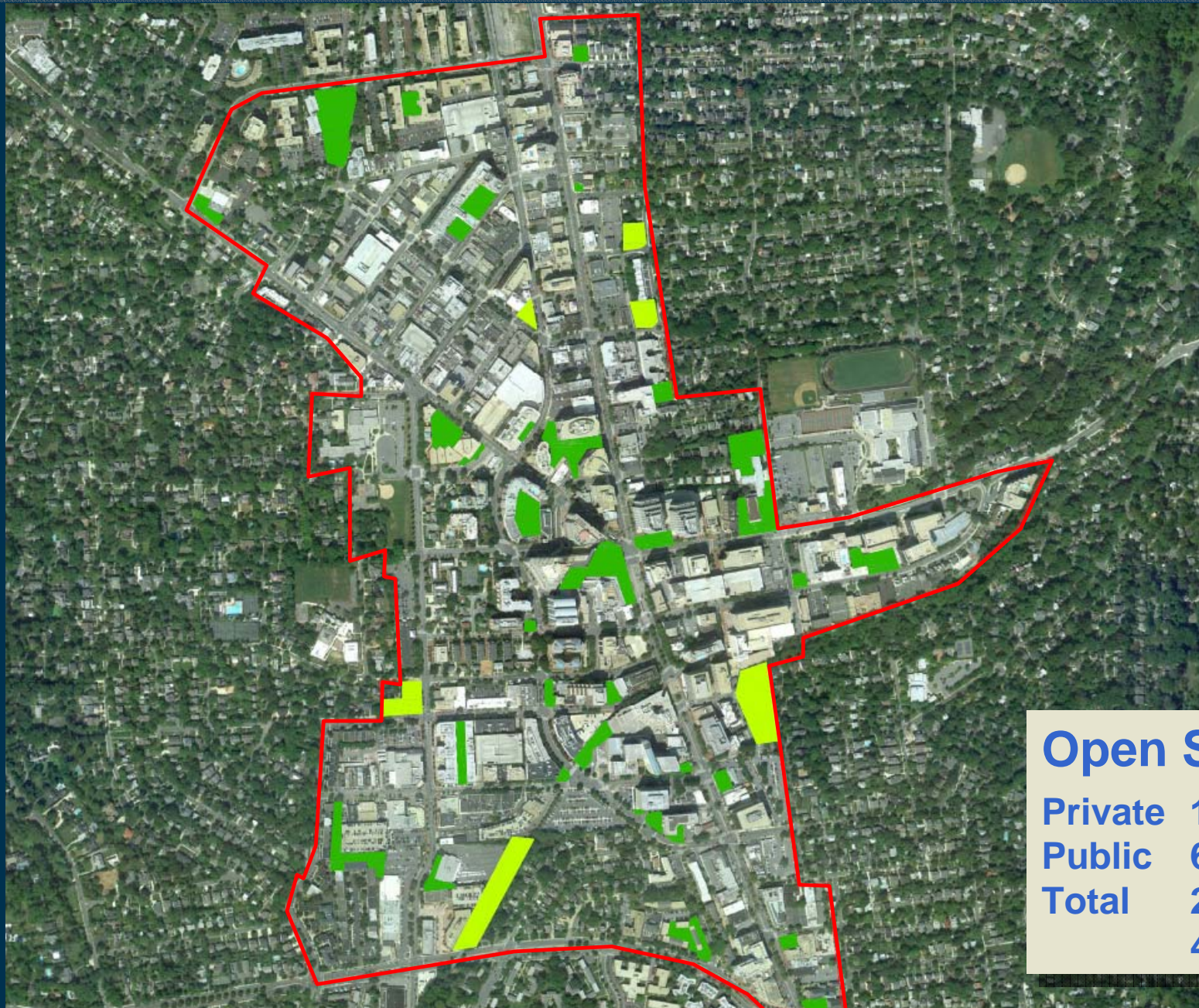




Bethesda, Ballston, Clarendon, and Other Similar TODs



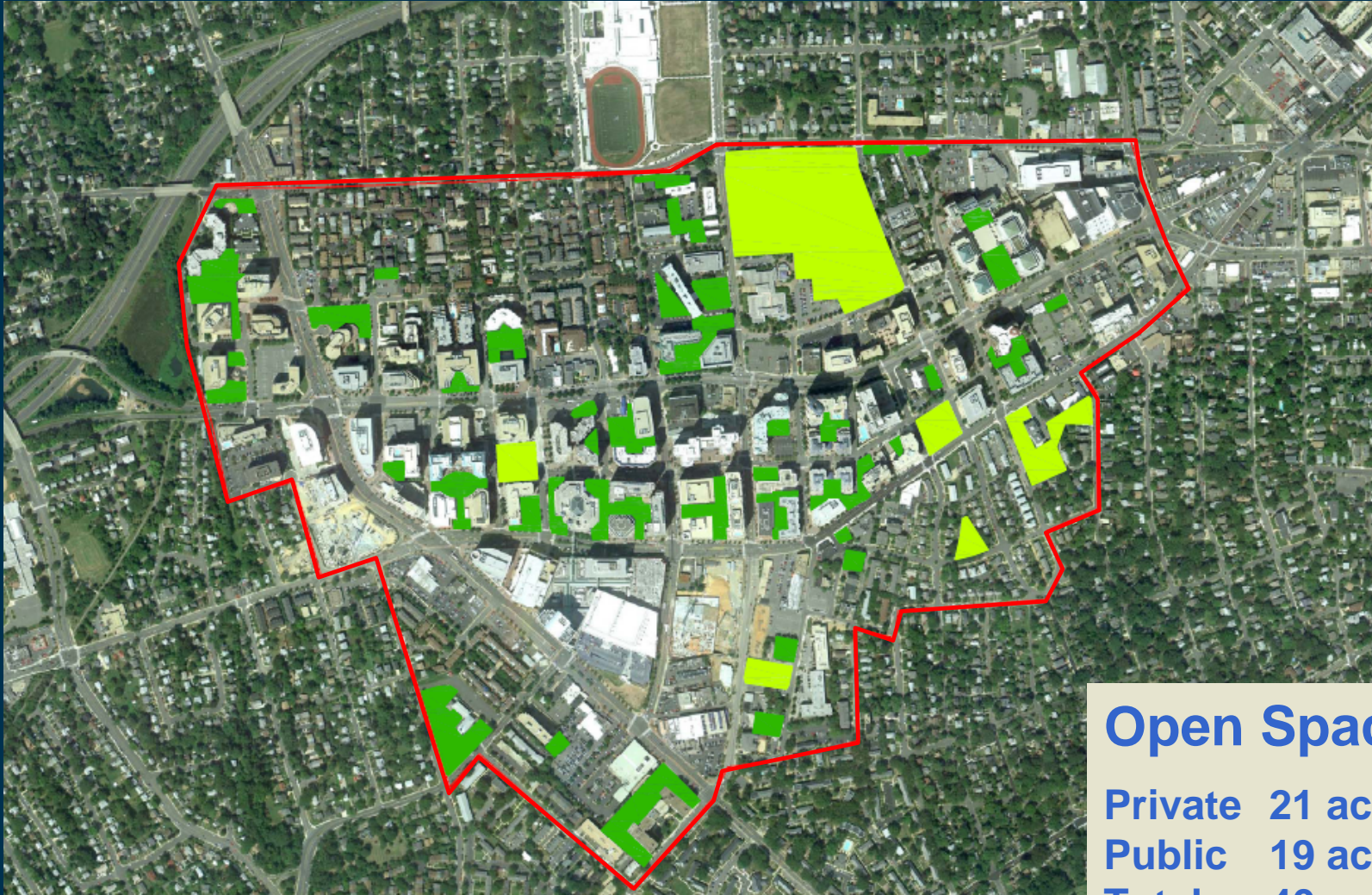
Bethesda



Open Space

Private	17 acres
Public	6.5 acres
Total	23.5 acres
	4.7 %

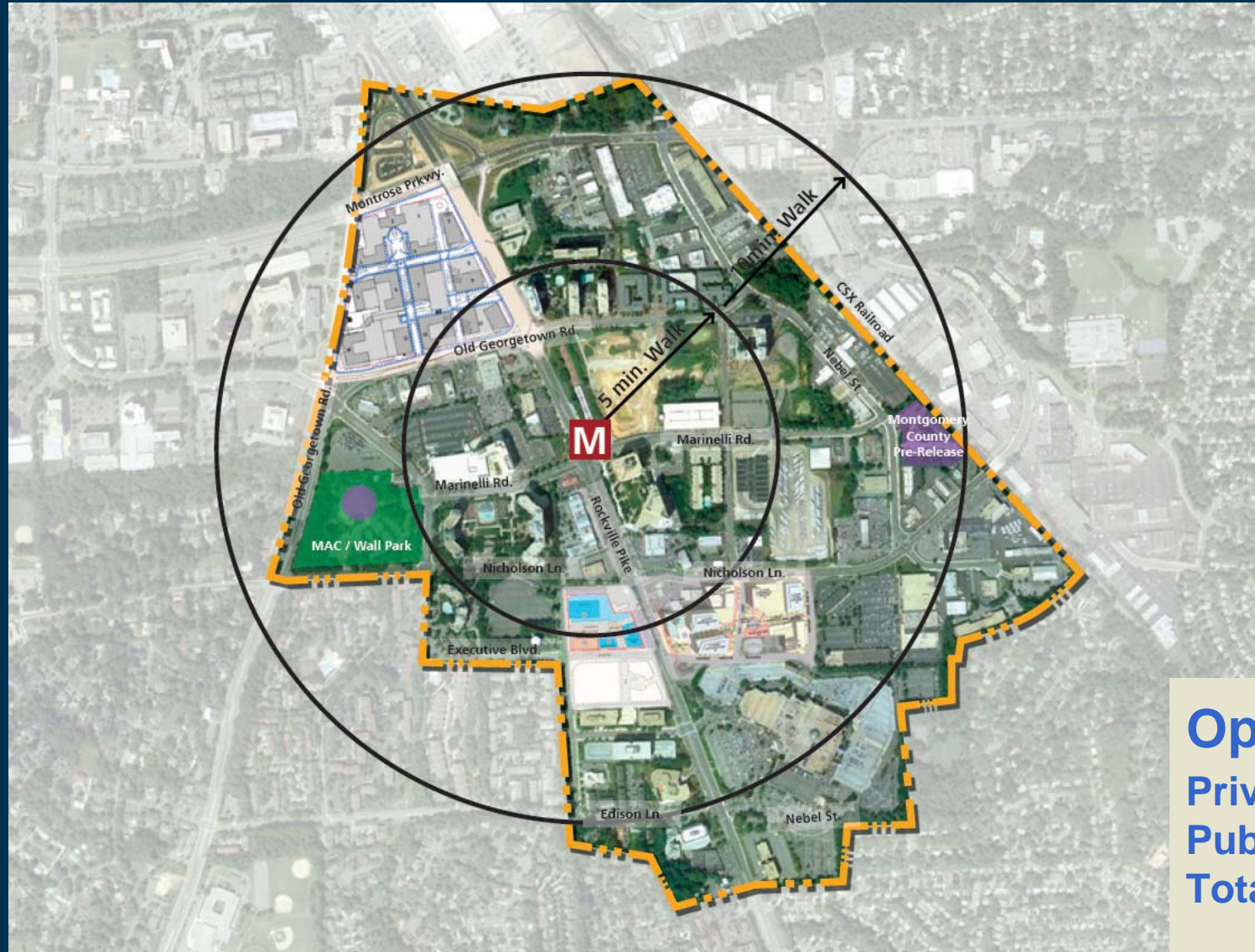
Ballston



Open Space

Private	21 acres
Public	19 acres
Total	40 acres
	12%

White Flint (Projected at Build-Out)



Open Space	
Private	29 acres
Public	14 acres
Total	43 acres
	10%

Based on amount of open space provided in three approved Sketch Plans



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